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SUBJ: SMITHSONIAN SFCP: ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

REFS: TUNIS 3117; STATE 173366

EMBASSY SUGGESTION IN PARA 6 OF TUNIS 3117 CONCERNING
POSSIBILITY OF LOCATING SMI ADMIN SUPPORT GROUP WITHIN
EMBASSY TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR ALL SFCP'S IN TUNISIA
WAS INTENDED AS CONTINGENCY IN EVENT ESTABLISHING GROUP
UNDER AUSPICES OF WAGNER PROJECT PROVED TO BE NOT FEASIBLE.
APPEARS THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO DATE TO THIS ARRANGEMENT,
AND WE SUGGEST THAT POSSIBILITY OF PLACING GROUP IN
EMBASSY NOT RPT NOT BE PURSUED UNTIL PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS
HAVE BEEN GIVEN LONGER TRIAL PERIOD. FURTHERMORE,
EMBASSY FEELS NEED TO EVALUATE ABILITY OF BAKAR AND
DARGHOUTH TO PERFORM WITHOUT CLOSE SUPERVISION SUPPORT
FUNCTIONS FOR WIDE VARIETY OF SFCP'S CARRIED OUT BY OTHER
US AGENCIES IN THIS COUNTRY. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR
STATUS OF ADMIN GROUP'S ACTIVITIES AND WILL ADVISE SMI IF,
IN OUR JUDGMENT, SITUATION REQUIRES FURTHER CONSIDERATION
OF BRINGING GROUP WITHIN EMBASSY. WE AGREE WITH STATE
173366 AS TO NEED FOR SUBSTANTIAL LEAD TIME ON EFFECTIVE
DATE OF ANY SUCH NEW ARRANGEMENT BUT SUGGEST EARLY
DECISION NOT NECESSARY.
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